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Fewer kids may lead to fewer teachers

JESSICA YOUNG
Staff Reporter

For the past few years, Archie Stouffer, Stuart Baker, J. Douglas Hodgson, Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools have noticed a three-to-four per cent drop in students and the secondary school will be feeling the effects this fall.

As a result of fewer children advancing through the grades, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will notice a decline in Grade 9 student enrollment in September, possibly resulting in the loss of two teachers, says principal Gary Brohman.

"You never know about lay offs because there are teachers who take maternity leave or there will be some teachers who retire," Brohman says. "My hope is that nobody gets laid off, but with declining enrollment, that's a reality. Fewer kids means fewer teachers. We will probably lose two teachers next year."

Paul Doiron, superintendent of elementary and secondary school operations for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, is a bit more optimistic. "We probably don't have to lay off any teachers," he says.

Doiron sees the fall in numbers as a reflection of the declining birthrate in Ontario and the county's older population.

"In most of rural Ontario, there has been a decreased birth rate. It has significance when younger folks are having fewer children. We know our society is aging. We have more boomers reaching retirement age than young people in the

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Frosty the snow racer

Brayden Frost pushes his massive snowball into the lead in a race against his friends in the J Douglas Hodgson playground Monday. "Now that there's snow," Brayden said, "it's awesome because we got to do our annual snowball race." He and his friends were only able to have their race after about 10 cm of snow fell overnight. The snowfall was an answer to the prayers of many in the area whose businesses rely on traditional winter conditions for tourist dollars.

Snowbirds flock to MP's passport clinic

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Well over 100 people turned out last week for a passport clinic hosted by local MP Barry Devolin - many in anticipation of looming travel restrictions slated to take effect two weeks from today.

As of January 23, any Canadian hoping to fly to the United States will require a passport. What's more, within two years' time, the same requirements will be extended to those crossing the border by both land and sea.

Devolin says the new requirements, which are part of a larger American initiative to prevent terrorism, have prompted more Canadians than ever to

apply for a passport, which has created delays and setbacks in Passport Canada offices.

"They're running more than double their normal rate, and the line ups at some passport offices are hours long," he says.

Deborah Flood, who brought her 17-year-old son Brad to Thursday's clinic to apply for his first passport, says the U.S. regulations were the sole factor that drove her to visit last week's clinic.

"We don't travel there often but Brad's father lives down there so we need to be able to get back and forth just in case," she says.

Richard Burns of Haliburton has had a passport before but he too agrees that, at this point, his only reason for needing a passport will be in case he



GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

It's estimated that more than 100 people, including Jack and Loretta Billings of Gooderham, turned out last Thursday for a passport clinic in anticipation of new rules for entering the U.S.

decides to venture south of the border.

"I just thought I might be doing a little travelling to the

States soon," says Burns, following the principle that it's

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Exhibit draws inspiration from spiritual beliefs

Michael Robinson:
River Run, Canada's Early Highways
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Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
Reception/Artist Talk: January 13, 2-4 pm

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre presents the etchings, drawings, paintings and writings of Michael Robinson, well-known native artist and poet. Exploring and rediscovering lost histories and uncertain futures, Robinson draws inspiration from his spiritual beliefs. Making people aware of the world around them, drawing attention to the need for global balance is a constant theme in Robinson's work.

It is fitting that much of Robinson's work is etchings. The technique of etching is centuries old, practised, in fact, by the great Dutch artist Rembrandt in the 1600s. Using what is known as the intaglio printmaking method and aquatinting, Robinson creates many layered and incredibly detailed etchings. Intaglio is an Italian word that means to cut or incise. In the etching process, images are cut into copper plates using vari-

ous acids then a powdered acid-resistant ground is applied to the plate before he draws on the plate with special etching tools. An acid bath bites into the copper plate where the protective ground has been removed. Areas that are corroded or "bitten" hold ink well and a print can be lifted from the plate.

Most of Robinson's prints are pure aquatint. Aquatint literally means "like a water colour." Instead of lines being bitten by the acid bath, entire areas are exposed to the acid. The plate is first prepared with a resin (rosin), heated from below making the resin adhere, then the plate gets an acid bath to bite the areas not covered by the powdered resin. The final effect is an image on a finely pebbled background. This technique is most often used with engraving or etching, but rarely as a solo technique.

Art meets literacy!

Robinson will be running the second in a series of four arts education projects offered by the Rails End Gallery. With the generous support of the Ontario Arts Council and the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands, Robinson will be working with students at Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools. Students will explore drawing, painting and craft original prose to accompany their creations.

There is something for everyone to enjoy in this exhibition. Ponder Robinson's writings while viewing his large works on canvas; or linger and take in all the detail of his large works on paper.

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The work of stained glass artist and member Bonnie Fleming will be showcased in the Ticket Room from January 13 to February 10.

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Home from Kabul

Greg Forgrave gives his parents the best Christmas present

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

For weeks Greg Forgrave kept telling his parents that there was nothing they could send him for Christmas. With no mail or delivery service in Kabul, where he had been working the past two and a half years, there simply wasn't a point.

So not only would Peter and Laraine Forgrave not see their son at Christmas, they had no way of sharing their lives in Haliburton with him. No care package of homemade Christmas treats, no mementoes from Greg's hometown, no gifts to make him feel less lonely half a world away from his family.

It's okay, Greg kept reassuring his parents. Don't worry about it. I'm fine.

Greg was more than fine. He was plotting the best Christmas present of all.

On the evening of December 23, Peter and Laraine were at a party at Shawn



It's been three years since the Forgrave family has been able to gather at Christmas. In the back row, Shawn Deterling joins his parents-in-law, Peter and Laraine Forgrave of Drag Lake. Seated are Melissa Forgrave, Emma, Susie and Drew Deterling, and Greg Forgrave. In Afghanistan Greg's job is to arrange the transport of cargo in sometimes precarious circumstances. At right he poses near the Kabul airport while at left he enjoys the view of the mountains north of the city.

and Diane Hagerman's Cranberry Lake house.

"I was chatting away with Debbie Wales," Laraine says, "and I looked up and said, 'That guy kind of looks like Greg.'"

As "that guy" started to walk towards her, she realized that it was Greg. The emotions washed over her as she ran towards her son.

At about the same time, Peter also noticed that newcomers had arrived at the party. When he recognized his 25-year-old son, his reaction was far more vocal. Some describe it as a scream; a loud whoop might be more accurate.

All the time that Greg had been telling his parents not to worry about sending him any Christmas presents he was planning a trip back home for the holidays.

"We haven't had a Christmas together for three years," says Laraine. "It's always an empty feeling when someone's not there. We avoided certain traditions because it was too painful."

Having Christmas with Greg, their daughters Melissa and Susie and Susie's two children made the Forgraves feel complete.

"That's what the whole thing of Christmas is - the close relationships," says Peter. "That's the holiday, when we all get together."

Greg Forgrave was a teenager when he got his first fateful taste of living abroad. As a Haliburton Rotary exchange student, he spent a year living in Austria. But one taste wasn't enough.



He wanted the entire meal. In his third year of international business studies at Carleton University he went back to Austria on exchange, spending the entire school year there. Back in Canada for his last year, he knew he wanted to work abroad once he graduated. But where and how?

His mother was at a wedding when, as is her custom, she started chatting. One woman she talked to had a son working in Baghdad. Laraine got his contact information, gave it to Greg and the e-mails began. Through this contact, Greg got a job with AES Cargo, a project logistics company based in Europe with an office in Kabul. Greg's job was to coordinate cargo going in and out of Afghanistan for various state and military projects. (He doesn't want to talk about his clients, nor will he comment on the war in Iraq.)

Greg arrived in Kabul in July of 2004, two and a half years after the American invasion. The people he met were glad the Taliban had been displaced. "It had been very difficult for them. Kids couldn't fly a kite, women couldn't go out on the street without a father or brother, no television, there were weekly hangings and hands being cut off, peo-

ple were thrown into jail for months with no reason."

Yet at the same time, the Americans' promise of a better world without the Taliban has yet to materialize. There is still no electricity in Kabul except perhaps for a few hours at night. (At the office Greg relies on a generator but until he got a bigger one, he couldn't put on a pot of coffee while was printing something from his computer.) In the summer that means there's no air conditioning even when it's 50° outside; in the winter, when there's snow on the ground, there's no heat. Corruption is rampant. Bribes get you through the day. The poverty is overwhelming. And at least the Taliban, disliked though it was, was an Afghan government.

"It's been one occupier after another that makes promises to you," he says of the Afghans' weariness of the situation. "It's 2007. The first bombs were in 2001 and you still can't plug in your tea kettle. You have to wait until 7 p.m. on Sunday night."

Despite the incredible hardships Greg found the people of Afghanistan to be incredibly open-hearted and resilient.

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"The people are great, very, very hospitable. In Kabul everyone is smiling and happy to meet you. I speak a fair amount of Persian and everyone gets a kick out of that.

"They are a resourceful people. There's so much poverty in Afghanistan; anything you give them they will make something out of it. [Seeing so much poverty] is really hard on you at first. Every time you stop your car someone's knocking on your window, begging. But as soon as you give them one dollar there are 50 people around you and they never forget [that you've responded to their entreaties before.] You do what you can to help. I used to buy an Economist [from a boy on the street.] The magazine was two weeks old and read by 40 other people. There are no traffic lights, just police directing traffic with what looks like a ping pong paddle. I'd give him money and he'd stop the traffic."

If Greg has five trucks on the road making deliveries he knows three will break down. Most equipment was donated by Germany in the 1950s. "It's a

challenge to do anything," he says. "It's an adventure."

He got a bit more adventure than he reckoned last May after a fatal accident involving an American army truck. The truck was part of a convoy driving into the city from an army base to the north. The Americans say the truck's brakes failed when it was coming down a hill. Whatever the cause, the truck plowed into buildings and cars, killing several people. The backlash was instantaneous. Within minutes there were groups of Afghans roaming the streets looking for foreigners on whom they could avenge the carnage.

Greg was driving to that part of the city when his co-workers reached him on his cellphone. They told him not to go any further and then arranged to pick him up. They arrived in a beat-up Toyota. One of them got into Greg's car and drove it to a safe spot. Another put him in the back of the Toyota and told him to lay still. He was driven to their house and hidden until the anger on the streets subsided.

"They went out of their way to keep me out of danger," he says. "They



When Greg's friends asked him to join them bird hunting, he said okay - as long as he could use the AK47. So up the mountain they went, with Greg's job to fire the gun into the air when he saw a bird. Only problem is he fell asleep, awoken by a shepherd.

endangered their family by letting me stay there."

With such gestures of bravery and compassion, deep friendships are formed.

As much as he tried to recreate a Canadian Christmas in Kabul, December the 25th just wasn't the same for Greg. The first Christmas he was away he had an emergency and had to work. The next two Christmas he got together with fellow expatriates and gathered 'round a Christmas tree that one of them had flown in from Denmark. Someone even had a Santa suit. This past Christmas the yearnings for home were too strong to ignore. At first he didn't plan on keeping his visit a secret but then, after a friend suggested he surprise his parents, it seemed like a fun idea. For weeks he didn't phone his mother, much to her anxiety, because he didn't want to have to keep fibbing about his holiday plans.

The holidays happened to coincide with a time of great transition for Greg. When he returns to the Middle East, his home base will be Dubai, a city with immense wealth that is in the midst of re-inventing itself as an oasis of opulence.

"Dubai is just one big construction site. It's a crazy place. I will miss Kabul but it's been two and a half years and I'm getting to my expiration date for Afghanistan. It's a rugged life - you go a lot without water, no heat in your house when it's minus five, whatever problem you solve it's going to happen again the next day. You learn not to give up, that

there's always an interesting solution, but there are times when you want hot water. And a girlfriend would be nice. When you're driving around the city and you have to worry about security, it's exhausting."

Afghanistan taught him a lot about himself and the world. His company gave him responsibilities at a very young age and he dealt well with them. Dubai is not only a chance to indulge in the things everyone else takes for granted (such as electricity) but also an exciting career advancement.

Although Greg will be leaving Afghanistan, he hopes the Canadian troops will stay.

"If they left the country would crumble. There would be a massive civil war and bloodshed."

For Afghanistan to survive the conflict more troops are needed from other countries. Right now there are only the Canadians, Americans, Dutch, and British. It's not enough. "In order to stabilize the country and give the local government real control they need to stabilize the south. Right now corruption rules. Opium rules."

"Afghanistan can work if we stabilize the country and it's safe to rebuild. If it's not safe for the workers or roads get blown up right after they're built [there will be no outside help.] That's why they need the troops."

What do the Afghan people want? "If you were to ask them it would be electricity, roads and an accountable government."

Things that Greg has learned not to take for granted.



Greg's co-worker Hyat, centre, was born in a part of Afghanistan that's never been controlled by a foreign power. He's become a good friend to Greg, who's about to change worlds entirely and move to Dubai.

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Heavy demand leads to passport office delays

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better to be safe than sorry.

Jack and Loretta Billings of Gooderham say it will be nice to know they can travel to the U.S. if necessary but they also note that they are more concerned with being able to travel abroad in the coming years.

"It's getting to the point now where if you want to go pretty much anywhere you need to have it. And I think that, before they get even pickier, now is the time to get it," says Loretta.

And Don Fleming says he was drawn to the clinic in part because he appreciates the face-to-face interaction, particularly in a world where next to everything is conducted through paperwork, web pages, and telephone answering systems.

"I think this is a really good idea," Fleming says. "I think it's great that Barry takes the time to hold these clinics, because it certainly helps."

Comments like that are music to Devolin's ears. He began holding the clinics two and a half years ago with the intention of helping his constituents through an often daunting and onerous process.

"We're not here actually issuing passports but instead we're helping people with the passport process," he says. "Anyone who has filled out one of these forms on their own knows that if you make one little mistake, it becomes a problem. So even for those people who want to take their application right to the passport office, they still need to have everything done properly before they get there."

Since the clinics began Devolin estimates that his staff have helped more than 7,000 residents from the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock by offering clinics three times a year – in January, April, and September – at four or five different locations throughout the riding in order to make the process more accessible to the

area's rural residents.

"If you're in a riding like Ajax or Oshawa, there's less of a need for a clinic like this since there's a passport office right there. But as you get further away to more remote areas, it's a bigger convenience," says Devolin.

"To my knowledge, we were the first people to ever do this, but since we started, several of my colleagues – about 20 MPs across Canada – now run passport clinics as well."

Oddly enough, Devolin says he too takes something away from the passport clinics – that being a better grasp on the issues that are important to the residents of his riding.

"What I enjoy about these passport clinics is that it's a non-political environment and I get to see a lot of people and talk to a lot of people who might not normally come to a political meeting," he says.

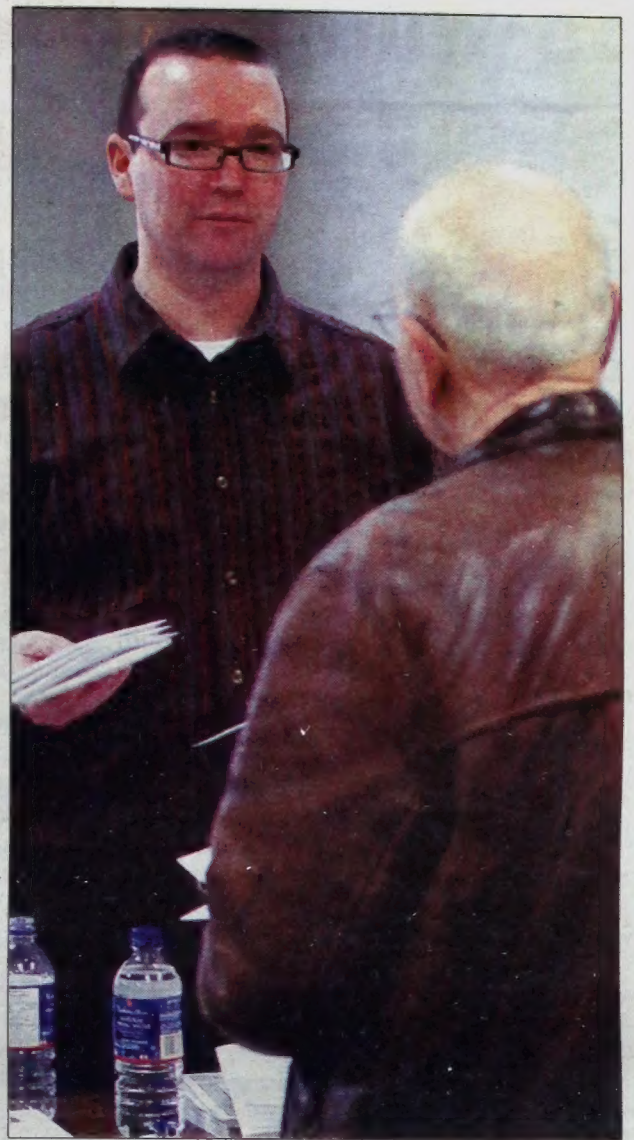
"For me, it's a barometer of what people are thinking about and what people are talking about...it actually gives me an interesting 'thumb on the pulse' of the general population, because I get to talk to hundreds of people."

Since Canadians do not yet need a passport to travel to the U.S. by land or sea, Devolin says that most residents are better off not applying for a passport at this point in time (due to a backlog at Passport Canada offices) unless they are specifically planning to travel by air in the next few months.

"If you're only driving to the United States, you don't need a passport. It might make [crossing the border] a bit easier or a bit faster, but at this time it's still not a requirement... and besides, it costs roughly \$100," he adds, suggesting that people wait until they actually need one before spending their money.

That being said, for those who do need a passport Devolin has a second word of caution.

"Because the office is so busy right now, don't leave it



MP Barry Devolin also uses the clinic to get a sense of what his constituents are concerned about.

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c) we rely on the weather to keep much of our economy going

there's not a lot of job security for young people wanting to start a family. With no manufacturing or commercial base, apart from retailing, well-paying jobs are hard to come by. And with property values on all our beautiful lakes driving up the price of real estate in general, it's not easy to find an affordable house.

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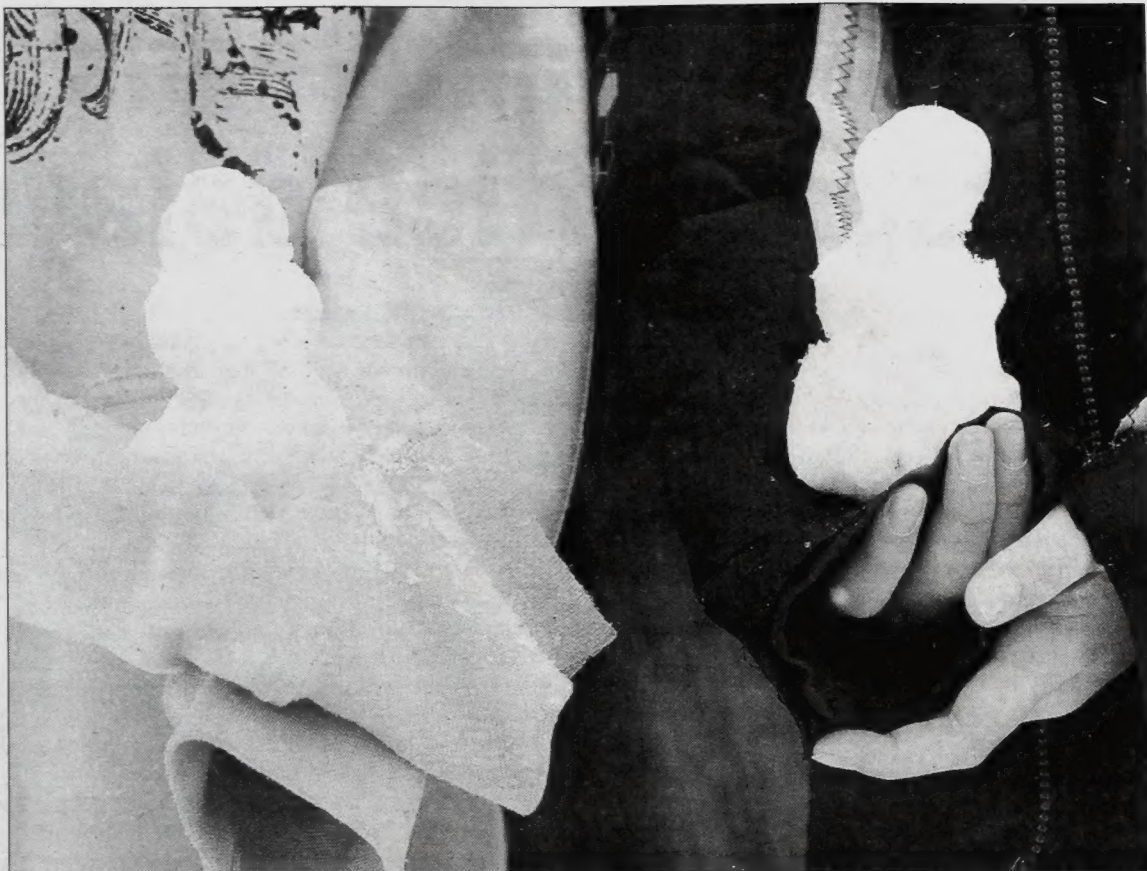
The Trillium Lakelands District School Board can't be expected to solve the economic challenges facing Haliburton County but we can hope they can try to come up with some creative ways to avoid having to lay off teachers to cope with the fact we have fewer students in our schools. If we lose teachers then our economy will feel it. We all remember what it was like a decade ago when we lost jobs at Ontario Hydro and the Ministry of Natural Resources. Young professionals were forced to leave the county, taking their valuable business with them. (As much as this county relies on cottaging and cottagers to keep it going, if a business doesn't have local support year round then it's in trouble.)

It's odd to be facing such a dilemma when so much seems to be going well for the Highlands. Large retail chains are investing in the area, a sure sign of confidence in our future. With more and more baby boomers about to retire, the recreational opportunities offered by the Highlands make us a prime destination. The cottages that are being built are larger and more expensive, so the owners have deeper pockets. They're also not willing to close up such a big investment in the winter. The economy has been hurt by the mild winter but we're not as dependent on snow as places such as Blue Mountain, which had to lay off 1,400 employees last week. Our economy is made up of a whole lot of little things which both makes it challenging to earn a living here but insulates us from the choices that the Barrie area ski resort had to make.

Everyone who lives here knows why it was the right choice for them. Some have taken a pay cut, or given up the chance of career advancement in order to take advantage of the often wonderful lifestyle that's available here. But the Highlands isn't for everyone. Indeed, reading of Greg Forgrave's life in Afghanistan, and the opportunities and challenges it's provided him, you don't want to discourage young people from exploring the world far outside our borders.

For young people like Greg, Haliburton is a fabulous place to come home to – just not every night after work. Growing up here isn't an impediment to their careers and, obviously, we can boast of the quality of our education to people who might wonder if their children would have to forego career opportunities by attending our small schools.

Now maybe there's a way to encourage enrollment – let the world know how well our graduates are doing. There's probably a Hal High alumni in nearly every corner of the globe, leading an interesting life in some part due to the strong foundation that was built for them here in the Highlands.



First snow, first snowmen

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

The Minden 500

IT'S WEDNESDAY, the middle of last week, and I just finished the very last turkey sandwich from leftover festive turkey dinners of 2006/2007.

Turkey probably won't be on the menu again until Thanksgiving, thank goodness. And since there doesn't appear to be any ice happening this year (I will pay dearly for that last statement), ice fishing won't happen either, so we'll probably have to do without the yearly cornucopia of whitefish and lake trout to feast on. However, I don't know of any law that says we can't ice fish without the ice. But I'm damn sure we can't snowmobile without snow, or cross-country, or downhill or any of the other snowy things that Haliburton is famous for, which is bad news for our economy. A guy can't even get a gig plowing out driveways.

Two-thousand-and-seven might be the year to come to grips with the possibility that global warming is actually happening and this winter wonderland may be in for some drastic changes. And we'd better be ready with some ideas to bring tourists here that don't especially include ice and snow. Fishing is still possible, but camping might be a challenge.

Maybe that's it. Challenge yourself. Camp like a Swede. Get out into the coldish weather and set up housekeeping. It will attract the fringe folks – those people who break a hole in the ice on New Year's Day and jump in the lake.

No, extreme camping probably isn't the big idea.

How about a car rally? The Minden 500. Or 200. Or whatever. Yes. This could work. We have lots of winding roads so we could have one every week throughout January and

February, starting with The Harburn Lake Road Pot Hole 200. And then the Kennisis Lake Road Rollercoaster. Followed by the Jug City Run, which runs down Highway 35 between Carnarvon and Minden. From Jug to Jug, as it were.

Of course, there would have to be a couple of races for all those off-roaders who come up here every so often en masse and rip through the swamps in their Jeeps and bikes. We could also feature Haliburton's version of a biathlon during deer season, where we combine cross-country off-roading with hunting. Extreme, yes. Dangerous, you bet. But fun... wow. Kevlar sales alone could put the economy back on track.

It all seems to be pointing to something that is already becoming the thing to do in both winter and summer in many parts of the county. Four-wheeling. Four-wheelers don't need snow or ice or

water or roads; just put them in gear and blast away through the forest and swamps and, well, through and over everything in their path. This is already here to stay, and with this lack of snow, I can only guess how sales of 4-wheelers must be going. The jury is still out on how much we love this new sport.

This just in: My colleague here in the newly renovated Royal LePage realty office at 10 Bobcaygeon Road, (how to get points from your broker), Lindsay Elder, who guided the Trails and Tours for so many years, has just taken on a challenging portfolio, namely the 2007 Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. Good luck, Lindsay. I suggest you talk to some of our local Native Canadians and ask about how they produce a Rain Dance, and see if there is a way of turning it into a Snow Dance.

Again, good luck.



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CSI should not spell KID

FREE ENTERPRISE IS NOT dead in our house - heck, it's not even wounded. If it were, however, my seven-year-old daughter Carmen would be on the case. You see, Carm was bored on Sunday so she did what any seven-year-old kid would do - she set up a crime lab.

All right, maybe this is not normal behaviour. Maybe hanging a sign on your bedroom door with your phone number

and the title "Carm's Lab, all cases \$2," is outside the realm of what Dr. Spock might have experienced or even imagined. Even her motto, "If you've got a case, I'll crack it," is somewhat unique. But, then again, I've come to realize that my child is unique - she-gets-it-from-her-mother's-side unique.

Yesterday - and I'm not making this up - she fingerprinted her brother, her mother and me. Luckily, we stopped her from doing the dogs. This was not pretend fingerprinting either. No

sir, she used a real ink pad and she rolled our inked fingers and thumbs on slides she made out of scotch tape. Then she promptly filed and indexed these so that she could analyze our prints under her microscope later on. I didn't even do anything and I felt guilty.

Oh sure, I spoke up. I tried to assert that this was contrary to my rights as a Canadian citizen and as her father. She looked up from her microscope just long enough to say, "Got something to hide, Dad?"

"No," I gulped, as my eyes shifted to my tackle box. "No, and I haven't just smuggled in an undeclared shipment of lake trout lures either. Whatever gave you that idea?"

She looked at me with steely eyes and said, "You're lucky I'm working on the Willy Wonka case now."

Apparently, while snooping in her brother's room, she discovered an empty cookie tin adorned with childish Willy Wonka insignias and pictures. Ryan, who is nearing the teenage years, quickly disavowed all knowledge of this and even offered to pay two dollars to clear his name so that he would not be connected to this scandal. Carmen gladly took the case.

Moments later, she was simultaneously playing good cop, bad cop with me.

"I love you, Daddy," she said sweetly.

"I love you too, Carm," I answered, somewhat reassured.

"Now just where were you last Friday night?" she yelled as she blinded me with her Little Mermaid flashlight.

"I was sleeping, I swear," I answered. "I've never even met Willy Wonka."

"Oh Daddy, you are so cute when you sleep," she said, giving me a big hug.

"Really?" I muttered.

"No! Now, tell me why your fingerprints are all over this Willy Wonka cookie container?" she said as she placed it on the desk in front of me.

"You asked me to get it off the shelf for you," I answered nervously. "You said you couldn't reach it."

"Thank you for doing that, Daddy," she cooed sweetly.

"Now get out of here before I bust you for loitering!"

In less than an hour she had interrogated each member of our family including both dogs and the cat who, by the way, turned state's evidence against our springer spaniel, and is now in a witness protection program.

It turned out that Carol, her mother, was the chief suspect in the Wonka case. "I found a brunette hair in it," she said quietly to me. "Two things rule you out, Dad. One, it was long and, two, it was hair."

I was relieved, I guess.

Later that afternoon she tried to serve an arrest warrant on her mother for suspicion of dealing in uncool Willy Wonka paraphernalia. In the business, they call this a high-risk take-down. Carmen called for back up but since my hands were over my ears and I was repeating "I can't hear you", I failed to get the message in time. I suppose it was just as well. No point in having both of us being sent to our rooms.

This morning at breakfast, I asked Carmen if she was done with her crime-solving business.

"No, I am still going to work at it. In fact, I just put a flyer on your desk. I can solve any mystery at all," she boasted.

"Oh yeah?" I began. "Well then, who took all my hair?"

"Mother Nature," she snapped back. "That'll be two bucks please."

Like I said, free enterprise is not dead in our house.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past was taken in 1954 at the two-room school in Eagle Lake. Pictured above are student from the "big room class," which included grades 5 to 8. All in all, eight sets of siblings shared the big classroom in 1954, along with 13 other local students. In the front row, from left to right are, Wayne Cowan, Dennis Paul, Mervyn Bain, Harold Marshall, Sylvia McColl, Joyce Morrison, Arthur Newbatt, Roy MacAuley, Sharon Howe, Dwain Hie, and Marvyn Hie. In the second row, from left to right, Jane Simms, Shirley Morrison, Marie Levley, Lela Newbatt, Glenda Tripp, Evo Salvatori, Glen McColl, Bryon Bain, Opal Hewitt, Barbara Newbatt, and Kay MacAuley. In the back row, from left to right, teacher Margaret Sisson, Harvey Levely, Wayne Comrie, Lloyd Ball, David LaPorte, Sandra Roberts, Lynda Besse, Pat Mungham, Linda Howe, and Gordon Henry. Thanks to Pat Bain for sharing this snapshot of local history with us.

letters to the editor

Green Christmas not unheard of

To the Editor:

I have just read with interest your report on the state of the snowmobile industry, both in Haliburton and elsewhere.

I know George Schwarcz of Haliburton Outdoor Equipment and consider him to be a fine individual. However, his opinions on the state of the snowmobile industry are not based on facts.

Here are some Haliburton facts. The December/Christmas/January period of 2001/2002 was a virtual carbon copy of what we are in the middle of right now. The snow arrived on January 12 but the bigger lakes were still open on January 25. (Source: The Paul Prentice Snow Diary - PPSD - used by snowmobile dealers all over Ontario as a comforting resource).

Again the amazing PPSD records a full-on green Christmas for 2003 - right here in Haliburton County. Photographic evidence in my possession verifies the same anomaly Christmas 1979 thru January 1980. It has been my experience people do have very short memories indeed. When looking at the records, the

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Asphalt woes are resurfacing

The following is the text of a letter sent by fax to the council of Highlands East regarding an agenda item slated for the January 9 council meeting. This item is described as a "letter from K. J. Beamish Construction Co. Ltd. re: request for council support of Asphalt Plant in Gooderham."

Dear Reeve and Councillors:

It has come to Environment Haliburton's attention that Beamish is requesting that council support an asphalt plant at the Bark Lake quarry. While this project is on Crown land and therefore under the responsibility of the province, the opinion of the township is given great weight by the province, as has been demonstrated in the past.

Just as the province respects the opinion of the township, Environment Haliburton! asks that the township have consideration for the opinion of its citizens. The community has missed no opportunity to voice its opposition to the Beamish proposal to site a permanent asphalt plant at its Highlands East quarry. The large turn out at the Beamish "open house" at the

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





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Levity at the levee

Area residents joined Laurie Scott at the Haliburton Legion Saturday as the MPP hosted her annual New Year's levee. Joyce and Wally Tait were among the residents interested in chatting with Scott. "The environment and lowering taxes," were topics Wally was eager to discuss. Joyce was interested in learning more about "the direction of the party," she said. "I try to do this as a way of welcoming the new year and to give people an opportunity to come and talk about current concerns," Scott said.

Photo by Casey Lessard

Snowmobilers stay loyal to the sport

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incidence of less than perfect snow conditions at this time of year in Haliburton is not that unusual. However, it still remains highly undesirable.

Here are some snowmobile industry facts. (Source: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association ISMA). Most current year snowmobile sales (up to 75 per cent of total annual industry production) take place well before the snow flies. However, that last 25 per cent - the icing on the cake - are tied to adequate in-season snow - particularly at the Christmas break period. As well, the sale of snowmobile parts, garment and accessories are negatively impacted by the kind of weather we are having. So are the sales of skis, snowboards and winter sports garments.

Notwithstanding these realities, I'll go on record and say the snowmobile industry is very much alive. Total annual sales recorded last year were slightly in excess of 160,000 units. Looking back over the 50-year history of the snowmobile industry we see wild swings in total sales. Take 1983's dismal 79,000 units proceeded only three years earlier in 1980 with 200,000 units sold to retail. Did weather play a part in this? You bet. More recently the industry swung from 150,000 units sold in 1992 to 260,000 units in 1997. Did weather play a part in

this? You bet.

Here we are in 2007 looking at what will likely be a level sales record - tallying near the 150,000-unit mark again. There are four well-established makers of snowmobiles in 2007. To my knowledge, none are prepared to give up on this lucrative business.

An example of an industry which has been in crisis is the personal watercraft marketplace. It has shrunk from almost 250,000 units in the mid '90s to approximately 80,000 units today. The builders in that marketplace are strongly committed - even at these low numbers.

The snowmobile industry is a mature marketplace as we head deeper into the millennium. Our demographics include the most desirable purchaser profile in the recreational motorized power sports industry. Snowmobilers, like committed down hill ski enthusiasts, don't jump out of the market because we have a poor snow situation at Christmas break.

Snowmobilers have a big investment in their sport and are among the most dedicated, loyal and environmentally conscious outdoor recreationists in the motorized power sports world.

Mark Lester
Publisher

Supertrax and All-Terrain Vehicle Magazines

Thanks for the skate

To the Editor:

Our family has enjoyed many hours of skating at the arena over the holidays, especially since this is the first time in 40 years when we haven't been able to skate on the lake! We wanted to thank the merchants and services responsible for sponsoring the public skating and the staff of the arena for making it enjoyable for everyone.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe 2007.

The Gallagher Family
Miners Bay

New council should reaffirm opposition

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quarry last summer confirms the continuing community opposition to this project.

We ask that the council reaffirm its opposition to a permanent asphalt plant within the Township and specifically at the Beamish Bark Lake site in line with the very obvious opinion of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Lilius
Environment Haliburton!

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On December 23, the pent-up Christmas excitement spilled onto home ice: the offence played with grit, and the defence was feisty. The Storm racked up what must have been a record number of shots on

net. They saw opportunity, positioned themselves wisely, and worked together to keep the pressure on so that despite the size (very big) and speed (very fast) of the Port Carling Thunder's dynamic captain-assistant captain duo, this combo, along with their teammates, simply could not dominate the Storm's team tenacity. "Never give up" was clearly the Storm's agenda as they looked for and took every opportunity to score. And that they did to take the game 5-2.

And just who said too much turkey will slow you down? December 29 saw the boys on the ice in Baysville to go head to head with the Bracebridge Bears. Again, beautiful team plays and determination led to a successful outcome for the Highland Storm. Every single player was focused and made terrific plays, from direct and controlled passes (Braden Roberts, Mac Monk-Cray, Connor Bird) to sweet shots on net (Will Stephenson, Tyler Casey, Connor

Gadway, Hunter Bishop, Matthew Chapman) to poke checks and keen defensive play (Matthew Hunter, Blake Wood - welcome back Woody!) to challenging saves (Logan Churko, Spencer Hicks) to taking it down the ice together (Braydin Hollows, Joseph Patrick). It really does pay off! Final score 7-1 Storm.

Storm met up again the next day (December 30) with Port Carling. Despite Storm dominating the first period, and the multiple shots on the Thunder goal, there were no breaks to be had. The boys played with great resourcefulness and enthusiasm and each team member made a crucial play at some point during the game. Both defence and offence used their bodies to intimidate and knock their opponents off their stride, which greatly diminished Thunder opportunities. The game wrapped up at 3-3, and it's clear that good, fast, tenacious, and determined hockey brings the Storm Atom AE to the new year with greatly bolstered confidence - and the sweet taste of success.

Midget As make it to finals at Silver Stick

The Highland Storm Midget As competed in the Silver Stick Tournament in Wasaga Beach over the holidays.

In game one they faced the Elmvale Coyottes. The Storm fought back to take the lead but in the end they gave up a empty-net goal to lose 6-4. Matt Eno and defenseman Steve Miscio were the offensive stars in this one.

In game two against the Penetang Flames, Dayton Rewa had three points to lead Storm to a 4-3 win.

The next morning the boys were in a must-win situation against Essa. This game turned out to be the definition of "The Perfect Game". This was a TSN Highlight Passing Clinic!

Derek Nesbitt, Todd Simms, Billy Kulas, Steve Miscio and Matt Clements on defense helped to give up only seven shots as Ian Sachs and Jordan Collins shared the shutout. Andi Donaldson, Josh Townsend, Dayton Rewa, Matt Eno, Jordan Joanu, and Chase Thurston had multi-point games. Other goal scorers were Kenton Winn, Adam DeCarlo, Max Ambridge and Derek Nesbitt.

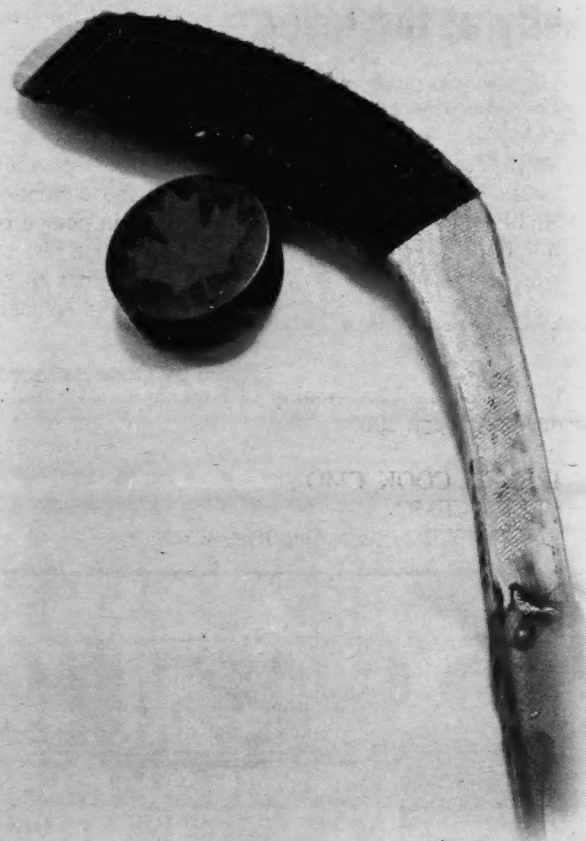
The score was 11-0 which sent the Storm on a trip to the finals against the Schomberg Red Wings. The Red Wings scored at 2:09. But a power-play goal by the Storm and then one by Schomberg left the score 2-1 after one period. The Storm's goal was a boomer from the point by Billy Kulas that found the top corner, with assists going to Andi Donaldson and Dayton Rewa.

A broken play that created a two-on-one, and then a short-handed goal by a player in the wrong place at the right time gave the Schomberg team a 4-1 lead. On the same penalty the Highland Storm lads responded with a power-play goal. Chase Thurston beat the goalie on the glove side from the slot with assists going to Max Ambridge and Josh Townsend.

The teams traded goals in the third period with Matt Eno scoring from Jordan Joanu to get the Storm goal.

The final score was 5-3 for Schomberg. Derek Nesbitt was named the game M.V.P. for the Storm. The coaching staff was pleased with the team's effort and is hoping for more of the same in the upcoming playoffs.

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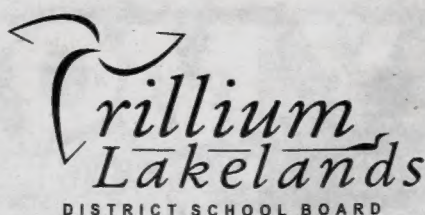
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of February 2007, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

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The Preliminary Plan of Survey, as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of January, 2007.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ont. K0L 3C0



NOTICE
(Applicant — ROTTINE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of February 2007, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 7, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., dated January 9, 2006.

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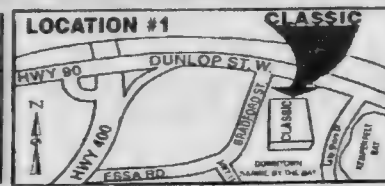
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Young families seem to be choosing to live in larger urban areas

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child-bearing years," he says.

Another reason for the drop in numbers is that families are choosing to live in bigger cities, says Joan Harpell, principal of Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"My guess is that families with school-aged children are choosing to live in bigger city centres for employment reasons," says Harpell.

The decrease in numbers may worry teachers within Haliburton County. With fewer students to teach, not only is there a possibility of lay-offs but there could be more split grades.

When one particular grade has a limited number of students, often the solution at the elementary and secondary school level is to combine grades into one class. Doiron says this makes it very challenging for teachers.

"If you have on average 20 students in a classroom for a teacher, every time you diminish that number, you start to have to reduce the total number of classes offered. It takes a few years to make an adjustment to get rid of a class, but it does happen over time."

Splitting grades is an often-used option but when numbers become too low, lay-offs may be the only solution.

Doiron helps analyze figures to predict how many students will be enrolled and how many teachers will be needed. On October 31 of each year, he looks at the predicted number of enrollments compared to the actual figures of how many students are attending school.

"Primarily we look at projecting enrollments on a yearly basis. We look at present enrollments and predict the influx of new students. We project the staffing for that year based on the number of students," says Doiron. "We have long-standing records of enrollments in each of our schools.

We're not often off by very many in our predictions."

Any variation in numbers that would result in changes such as staffing arrangements is discussed between Doiron and the school principal.

Currently the annual funding formula created for the Trillium Lakelands School Board is based on an average of \$7,000 for every elementary school student. For high school students, the number is closer to \$8,000 per student.

The high school currently has 768 registered students, Stuart Baker has 265 students enrolled, JDHES 389, Wilberforce, 60 and Cardiff, 59.

The suggested number of students per class is set by the Ministry of Education guidelines. In primary division (kindergarten to Grade 3), there should be a 20-1 ratio, junior division (grades 4-6), 25-1, and intermediate division (grades 7-8), 30-1. HHSS has a current ratio of 21 kids per teacher, which follow the guidelines of the ministry.

"Primary numbers are hard to try and hit," Doiron said.

Harpell says that the reason why primary school estimates are difficult to determine is because attendance in junior and senior kindergarten is optional. Once a student has already attended school at the elementary level, it's assumed that most will stay in the system, making secondary school numbers easier to foretell.

As an administrator at Archie Stouffer the past four years, Harpell has noticed a significant drop in students.

"When I came here four years ago, we had 599 students. Now we're at 455."

Doiron says that dwindling numbers can be disheartening, but that good planning and a strong staff can handle any drop in numbers, as long as they are prepared.

“When I came here four years ago we had 599 students. Now we're at 455.”

JOAN HARPELL,
Principal ASES



A helping push

Bethany Mawbey lets her daughter Jillian, 4, take control of her own direction as the two spent some time skating at the Dysart arena Friday. "She just got the skates before Christmas," mom said, "so we've been out every day this week except yesterday." "It's fun," Jillian added.

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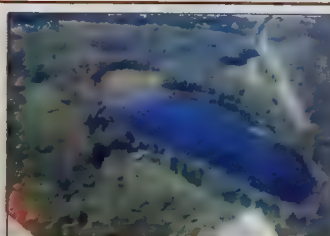
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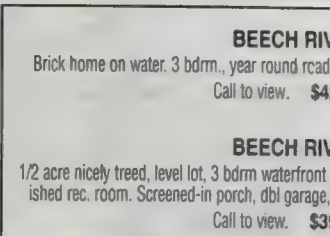
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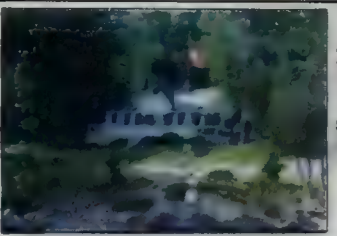
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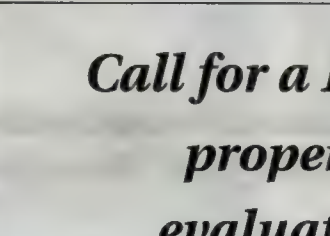
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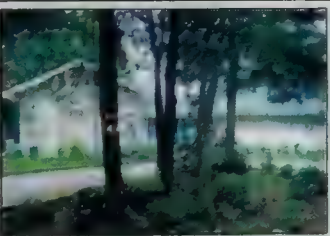
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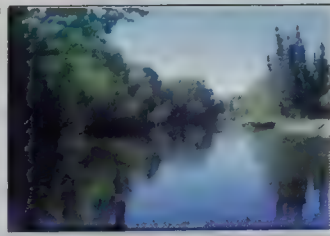


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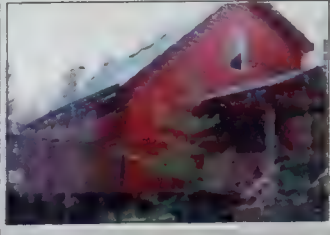
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Top left: Jong Tack Park was among a group of South Korean teachers visiting Haliburton Forest Sunday. Here, he shows he can drive with one hand.
Above: Hwa Ja Son drives while Jong Ok Kim hitches a ride with Cory Giardino.
Left: Jong Tack Park helps preserve the moment for Eun Hee Park and Hwa Ja Son after their ride.

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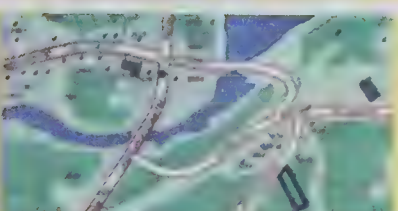
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Hilda Clark

448-2018

For a number of years Eileen Agnew has been quietly providing reasonably priced reading material for folks who visit the store and post office and, as a result, helping out several worthy causes. She calls it the B.E.A.R. book project. That's Borrow, Enjoy, And Return. People donate books that Eileen displays - often on the store verandah in good weather. People then borrow the books, paying 25 cents for a paperback and \$1 for a hardback, read them and then return them. No one checks but most seem to be returned - for the racks and shelves are always well stocked.

Believe it or not, in 2006 they raised \$1210. The Haliburton Hospital Services Foundation received \$500 of that, the Word of Life Outreach in Wilberforce was given \$400 and the figure skating club and minor hockey will each benefit from \$155. Thanks so much Eileen for conducting this BEAR project which helped these groups and provided books for readers.

The Wilberforce Writers' Circle held its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 4. Between 10 a.m. and noon over coffee participants shared some of their recent writing efforts with each other. They enjoyed an activity that got them thinking of all the places where they encountered words recently. This led to informal discussions about writing.

That's the way this writing circle operates as it meets the first Thursday of every month at the Outpost Historic House. Do feel free to join and get started on that poetry collection, that family history, that letter to the editor, or that

short story or novel whose characters have been provoking your imagination. Being part of the circle is easy. Just show up with pen and paper and the circle will support you with your writing challenge and successes.

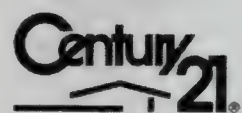
The Wilberforce Heritage Guild will hold its annual meeting on Monday January 22, 2007 at 7 p.m. Because the quilt is on at the Outpost, the meeting will be at the Lloyd Watson Centre. All are welcome at this meeting where the Guild's work in the year 2006 will be reviewed. Have tea or coffee and a cookie and support the Guild in its work!

Quilters are welcome, encouraged to help with this year's quilt that will be raffled to raise funds for the Outpost. Even one afternoon for a few hours sure helps. Call Hilda 488-2018 to learn when there will be quilters busy with their needles.

Another group of community minded volunteers is the Wilberforce and area Community Police Association. Since it was founded this group has provided the area with many services such as security, traffic control at events and cottage checking. In speaking to some of this group we realize that many of the current members are "getting up in years". To keep this valued group active some of the younger generations will need to get involved. If you would consider giving some time to this group and have questions call Pat at 448-2264. The Association's annual meeting will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. Let's turn out and keep the Community Police Association vibrant.

Brenda Harvey called to let us know that an introductory session of beginning level of Tai Chi will begin at the LWMC on Wednesday, January 17 at 1 p.m. This is in addition to ongoing sessions provided by Wilma. A gentle form of exercise to get back in the fitness and relaxation track.

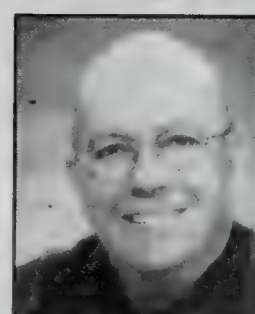
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Impromptu sing-alongs get New Year's party hopping

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

A very vivacious crowd gathered at the Harcourt Community Centre to celebrate the ending of 2006 and to welcome in 2007. The Crosscuts, with their great variety of pulsating and energetic tunes, provided entertainment that pleased everyone. The dance floor was hopping.

It was a very pleasant surprise to see Frank Packard step on the stage and entertain the audience with a number of his favourite songs. Other guest singers included Terry Stoughton, brother of drummer Shawn Stoughton. We thank all the band members, Tom, Lyle and Dan Coghlan, Shawn Stoughton, Andy Hillo and guest singers for a truly spirited and enjoyable evening.

Kudos to all the volunteers who manned the door, bartenders Ed-Otto and Doug Knox and the ladies who provided the excellent lunch, Fern Covert, Eileen Knox and Gwen Otto. Also, thank you to Louann Coghlin for her delightful decorating touches.

John Bower of the South Algonquin Cookhouse extends his heartfelt thanks to all who attended the Charity Loonie Lunch. Over 275 people partook of the excellent array of buffet foods raising \$2,009 that will be distributed to local charities. John was pleased the event went so well; however, he was even more delighted to see his universal approach gave all members of the community an opportunity to bring out the whole family to enjoy the experience of dining out. He extends special thanks to friends Jack and Wonita Bartholomew, Linda and Don Middleton, and his staff for assisting him in making this charity fundraiser such a success.

In every community there are good times and sad times. Just prior to Christmas the Harcourt community mourned the passing of Olive Grace (Townsend) Coburn who succumbed to cancer on December 20, 2006.

Olive was born the ninth child of Charles and Jennie (Washburn) Townsend on February 7, 1929. She was raised on the family farm located on the eastern outskirts of the village of Harcourt. Olive was the beloved wife of the late Gordon Coburn whom she married on January 23, 1946. Gordon was born February 17, 1908 and predeceased Olive on September 13, 1982.

Olive will be sorrowfully missed by her children and their spouses - eldest son Vince and his wife Judy, daughter Stella (Coburn) Boyd, son Richard, son James and his wife Janet, daughter Sheila (Coburn) Ducarme and her husband Dale and youngest son Wade and his wife Trudy. She will also be sadly missed by her 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Olive will be fondly remembered by her brothers Elwood and Sherwood Townsend, sisters Hazel Gerow, Beatrice Hughey and Doreen Oakes and all her nieces, nephews, family and

friends. After the funeral services interment took place at the Wilberforce Cemetery followed with a gathering of a host of family and friends at the Harcourt Community Centre. A big thank you is extended to the Harcourt Ladies Committee for providing a delightful lunch.

A joyful occasion on December 27 was attended by family and friends for Leola Pacey as she celebrated her 85th birthday with a dinner held at the Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant in Haliburton. Letters of congratulations were received and presented that day from Prime Minister Stephen Harper; Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty; Member of Parliament Barry Devolin; Member of Provincial Parliament Laurie et al council.

The family that surrounded Leola that day were her children Doris (John) Meharrrie from Chilliwack, B.C.; Donna (Gary) MacDonald of Haliburton; Doug (Lynell) Pacey from Winter Spring, Florida; grandchildren Tina (George) Kaichis from Unionville, Ontario; Keegan Pacey from Barrie, Ontario; Stoan Pacey and friend Sondra from Winter Spring, Florida; and great grandchildren Daniel and Ryan Kaichis. Best wishes were sent from grandchild Aarika Pacey who lives in Charleton, P.E.I.

All the family enjoyed the time spent with Leola and all wish her many years of happiness and health.

Don't forget Brushstrokes - Artists' Paint-Out to be held at the Highland Grove Community Centre on Tuesday, January 16 from 10 am. to 4 pm. Brushstrokes was cancelled last month; however, is on for this month. All artists, at any level are welcome to come and paint for a day with other artists. There is no fee, just bring your paint, supplies and a lunch. Enjoy the sharing and learning painting with others can offer in this very relaxed atmosphere. For more information contact Linda Middleton at 705 448-9397 or info@crystalimage-studio.com

Community Care Haliburton County is pleased to offer the Diner's Club in the Harcourt community. Meet and socialize with your friends and neighbours over a mouth-watering meal. A home cooked meal including dessert and beverage is held every second Friday of the month at the Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt and every fourth Friday of the month at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt. Reservations may be made through Eileen Knox at 448 2596.

Community Care Haliburton County's Transportation Service requires volunteers to assist eligible clients in the Harcourt area to attend medical appointments. There is an application process to be followed for interested drivers. For more information please call Judy at 457 2941. Also, clients requesting transportation, please call same numbers.

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

January 10: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

January 11: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

January 12: Community Care Haliburton County Diner's Club at the Martin Wood Resort, Harcourt. For more information please call Eileen Knox at 448 2596

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The 30 centimetres of snow that fell earlier in December had almost all melted by December 16, the day of the 2006 Christmas Bird Count. Seeds that had been covered, as well as those blown off trees more recently, were once again available. This meant that even birds that had been visiting feeders after the snow returned to foraging mainly on wild food. Unseasonably mild weather allowed many lakes that had been frozen to thaw again. Open water below isolated beaver dams and creeks provided feeding areas for both diving and puddle ducks. The result was that, while there probably were many more birds in the count circle, they were scattered across the countryside much as birds would be in summer, so they weren't where people would notice them.

Although feeder watchers reported fewer avian visitors, the pleasant weather encouraged folks to go for walks. This proved very productive. The Baers, exploring their property, discovered a male Black-backed Woodpecker, the only one for the count. The Hamiltons, walking not far away, encountered a wintering flock of at least four White-throated Sparrows bringing the count total to five. The high number on any previous count was one. The Cutmores, who operate their feeders year-round, had a lingering group of five Brown-headed Cowbirds, the remnants of a much larger flock present during most of the summer and fall. These were the first ever on the count.

Lingering Common Loons keep to the larger lakes. The three spotted on Mountain Lake by the Holloways were the latest they had ever seen on the lake. They brought the count total to eight, one short of the record. The total of three belted kingfishers along to Gull River in Minden was also one short of the record. Due to persistence and her excellent view of a shallow widening in Drag River, Jean Farrow added a Canada Goose, an American Black Duck and twelve Mallards to the count total. The finches usually flocking to her feeders were off enjoying the bounty in the woods.

Carol Marino's resident Barred Owl showed up a day late on December 17, but since none were spotted on the 16th, it gets recorded as a count week bird, one seen during the three days before or after the count. She also heard an American Robin on the 16th, the only one for the count. An Iceland Gull at the Minden garbage dump on December 15 was a count week species as well.

Gull Lake was completely calm for several hours during mid-day. This, combined with the lack of ice, allowed canoe access to parts of the lake never before available. As a result we were able to find a female



This winter's unseasonably warm weather brought out birds that aren't usually seen this type of year. Mike Landry of Haliburton took this picture of a robin in his back yard on December 31. Does this mean winter is already over and spring has arrived?

Ring-necked Duck and a male Red-breasted Merganser hidden away in sheltered bays among the islands. A flock of five Buffleheads brought the total to six, twice the previous high. Two Red-necked Grebes also doubled the previous high, but these were also spotted from shore.

The total number of species recorded on count day was 52, four above the previous high. Notably absent were Evening Grosbeaks, although they did get as far south as Algonquin Park.

Thanks to all who sent in your sightings. Without your help, the count would have been much less successful. If you still haven't let us know what birds you encountered, it's not too late to have them added to the official tally. We'd especially like to know if anyone had Evening Grosbeaks at their feeder. Don't feel that you had too few birds to report. Knowing that you had few birds on count day is just as valuable as knowing that you had many.

Only two Bald Eagles were spotted this year, one at the Ingoldsby dump, and one on Gull Lake. Just to the south on Balsam Lake unprecedented numbers were present on the Kawartha CBC on December 27. Close to fifty were reported, but many more were, no doubt, hidden away in inaccessible spots on offshore islands. Large numbers were still there on December 30, a spectacle well worth seeing.

Total tally 2006 Christmas Bird Count, Haliburton County

Canada Goose 15, American Black Duck 38, Mallard 312, Mallard X Black Duck 2, Ring-necked Duck 1, Bufflehead 6, Common Goldeneye 72, Hooded Merganser 1, Common Merganser 47, Ruffed Grouse 54, Wild Turkey 191, Common Loon 8, Red-necked Grebe 2, Bald Eagle 2, Red-tailed Hawk 7, Rough-legged Hawk 1, Ring-billed Gull 1, Herring Gull 123, Iceland Gull CW, Rock Pigeon 147, Mourning Dove 62, Barred Owl CW, Belted Kingfisher 3, Downy Woodpecker 44, Hairy Woodpecker 64, Black-backed Woodpecker 1, Pileated Woodpecker 13, Northern Shrike 1, Gray Jay 2, Blue Jay 581, American Crow 57, Common Raven 222, Black-capped Chickadee 1579, Red-breasted Nuthatch 168, White-breasted Nuthatch 104, Brown Creeper 14, Golden-crowned Kinglet 60, American Robin 1, European Starling 231, American Tree Sparrow 58, White-throated Sparrow 5, Dark-eyed Junco 137, Snow Bunting 635, Northern Cardinal 1, Common Grackle 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 5, Pine Grosbeak 3, Purple Finch 105, Common Redpoll 12, Pine Siskin 242, American Goldfinch 855, House Sparrow 53. Total Species: 52.

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Lots of company in many a household over this holiday. Leon and Alice Jones had Lisa and Derrell home from Bracebridge for Christmas Day.

At Bill and Myra Marshall's, Tracey and Jenn Krosschell were back from Sioux Lookout. The young couple also visited Jim's parents in Eagle River, Wisconsin before their trek back home.

Jim and Margaret Milne had the company of each of their three sons over the season: Andrew and Nehal from Ottawa with Elizabeth & Alexander, Bruce and Crystal from Trenton with their girls, Katie and Hannah, and Paul and Jody from Brampton with their girls, Amanda, Emily and Madison.

Here, we had Beth and Paul Zuwala home for a day Christmas till Boxing Day, and the Alan Coopers from Dec. 27 to 30th. Lots of games, lots of music and more presents and goodies!

Mention should be made of still more beautiful lights – those of Bradley Bryant and of several Morrison homes along the same road, and isn't it great to see that colourful and imaginative display lighting up the grounds of the modular homes area?

Ruth Cooper phoned for which I am grateful and supplied me with news of hers and Gary's holiday time. They have spent two weeks away, beginning with family in Caledon at Christmas. This included watching a pantomime. They continued south into Atlanta, Georgia, where Jonathan and Jamie now make their home.

David Boice called in one morning while my two younger sisters were here, Mavis Swiston with her husband Don and my sister, June Campbell with her grandson, Iain Campbell.

Gudrun Helmenstein's was the next name in our guest book. She too, came bearing still another plate of Christmas baking on New Year's Eve day.

January 1st saw my nephew, Scott Campbell and family, spending the day here, the children riding in the back of the truck to the bush, the rest of us walking to observe all those blank spaces cleared following the tornado. The guest book notes that there was music, good food and fun.

Earl's sister and her husband, Shirley and Ken Rapson and son, Martin with his children came to stay at the other house for two days, leaving just as my niece from Collingwood, Carolyn Sheen came with her husband, Robert and their three sons, Alex, Iain and Fraser. They too, spent an overnight and enjoyed a time at the bush, the three boys actually spending part of that time helping Earl load and unload two truck-loads of wood and piling them. They took it all in stride.

At the house, more music, games of crokinole and Scrabble to name just two.

Kathleen wound up the season with twelve guests in on January 6 for a twelfth night (afternoon) party. Lovely time. We played our Silent Night duet for them.

We wish Colleen Davison a sound recovery from heart ailments.



January

A poem by Eleanor Cooper

What changes the year has wrought!
What never seemed to change has changed.
A storm brought devastated trees.
Changing the landscape forever.

What never seemed to change,
Changed with death.
Someone left his love behind,
Looked instead to heaven.
Grief devastated.
Left bowed the heads once lifted high in joy.
Oh why? Why?
How can I?

What always seemed the same
Was overcome by love.
Someone met the one they
knew as fate.
Someone had a baby after all
that hope had gone.

For joy or pain, life changed,
As unprepared, we faced it.
Get through, if not over, agony.
In other days, thrilled beyond all expectation
Over this gift little life.
Sings the heart or weeps it.
Somehow we're braver than we knew.
Just to live it, never giving up,
Because you never know
What might just be around
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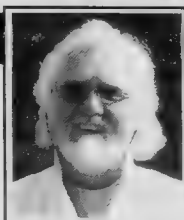
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The New Year's Eve Party at the Legion was well attended and everyone had a great evening. Big thank you to designated volunteer drivers Ken Jones and Elois Somerville.

The 2007 New Year's Day President's Levee was a very nice social event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you is extended to branch president Dave Burton for the lovely lunch.

Don't forget fish derby raffle tickets for an electric smoker are on sale now at the Legion: \$2 each or three for \$5. Get your tickets from the bar steward.

Remember the Shop and Support fundraising program to raise funds for a new water system continues! Got an anniversary or birthday coming up? Then all you need to do is purchase shopping/gift cards through program at full face value and then they can be used for in-store purchases. There are more than 200 brand name retailers including all major grocery stores, Wilberforce Foodland, Esso, Wal-Mart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Petro-Canada, The Home Depot, Canadian Tire and many, many more. Percentages by retailer vary from one per cent to 15 per cent and this amount of your shopping/gift card goes to our Legion. You actually can order online, pay online and

have your order for cards delivered to the Legion for your pick up or have them delivered to your home. The program costs you nothing; it simply takes advantage of your everyday shopping, budgeting and gift giving and what a great way for you to help raise funds for the Legion.

You can get more information on this by visiting www.shopandsupport.ca or by calling toll-free at 1-866-387 8073. Our Legion registration number is ID #0100558413.

Please note: The Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby scheduled for January 13 has been re-scheduled to February 10 due to the unusually warm weather conditions. More information will be available for this closer to the date.

The general membership meeting is coming up on January 16.

Also remember that darts is a fun night out and joining a team is not necessary. Just come out and enjoy!

If you think you would like to join our branch or if you have a friend, who might like to join, ask for an application from the bar steward and file it with Elois Somerville.

Lest We Forget:

Get well wishes go out to Ethel Scott who is presently in the Ottawa hospital.

There are many great upcoming events; Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in.

January 11: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
January 12: 1:00 p.m. Pool
January 12: 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
January 13: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
January 14: RCL Ladies Auxiliary all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Adults \$6, children \$3 and children under 6 free
January 16: 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting.
January 17: 7:30 p.m. Darts
January 18: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
January 19: 1:00 p.m. Pool
January 20: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
January 20: 9:00 p.m. Dance
January 24: 7:30 p.m. Darts
January 25: 1:00 p.m. Euchre
January 26: 1:00 p.m. Pool
January 27: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw
January 27: Robbie Burns Supper
January 31: 7:30 Darts
February 4: Super Bowl Party. Super Bowl XL1 kicks off 6:30 p.m. Light diner for \$5.00. Come out and watch the Super Bowl at the Branch. Everyone Welcome. Bring a friend.

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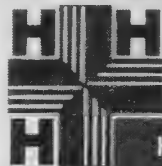
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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairmen for our 2006 "The Reach for The Future" campaign, **Dr. Bob Heyes** and **Dr. David Fiddler**.

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BURNT RIVER BRIDGE

The Municipality of Dysart et al is proposing the replacement of the Burnt River Bridge. The Burnt River Bridge is located on Unicorn Road, approximately 1600m north of Fallowfield Road.

The above noted project is being planned under **Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environment Assessment**. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Municipality intends to proceed with the construction of this project.

The project plans and other information are now available at the following locations:

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Municipality of Dysart et al,
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Interested persons should provide written comment to the Municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comment should be directed to the parties listed above.

If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved at this review phase, a person or party may request that the Ministry of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice.

A copy of the request must also be sent to the Roads Superintendent and the Project manager listed above. If there is no request received 30 days after the date of first issue of this advertisement, the Burnt River Bridge replacement will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

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This Notice issued January 9, 2007

Brian Nicholson,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of February 2007, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 10, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 10434, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated September 16, 2005.

SECONDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 10, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Parts 5 and 6, on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated September 16, 2005. (Part 6 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of January, 2007.

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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31:** A new series of Prenatal Classes is starting to help expectant parents prepare for the birth of their new baby. The Free Program is being offered by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The classes run on Wednesdays on the dates above. It will be offered at the Ontario Early Years Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton Village. Register before January 10 by calling the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 11:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 11:** Ladies Fellowship, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. For more info. Call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Jan. 12:** Relax while improving your health! Learn the gentle "moving meditation" of Taoist Tai Chi. Free introductory class in Minden. Beginner Tai Chi starts Fri. at 9:30 a.m. at Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. Call Amy at 286-3615.
- **Jan. 13, Feb. 10 & Mar. 3:** Rainbow Rounds Dance Demonstration. Donations to Hospital Foundation (HHHSF). Ballroom style dancing done by Bonnie & Dave Mowat. At the high school gym, 7-9 p.m.
- **Jan. 14:** Minden Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Jan. 15:** Relax while improving your health! Learn the gentle "moving meditation" of Taoist Tai Chi. Free introductory class in Haliburton. Beginner Tai Chi starts Mon. at 10:30 a.m. at the United Church Hall (Pine St.), Haliburton. Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Jan. 17:** Kawartha Conservation - 28th Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Galway-Cavendish & Harvey Municipal office on Cty. Road 36, Bobcaygeon. Well-known broadcast journalist Bruce Rogers is MC and guest speaker is Mike Nickerson. Refreshments will follow. For more info. Call 328-2271 ext. 211 or visit www.kawarthaconservation.com. Everyone welcome.
- **Jan. 17:** Relax while improving your health! Learn the gentle "moving meditation" of Taoist Tai Chi. Free introductory class in Wilberforce. Beginner Tai Chi starts Wed. at 1 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. Call Brenda at 447-2148.
- **Jan. 18:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 21:** Monk's Funeral Home is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Jan. 24:** Register For Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- **Jan. 26:** Get messy at the Gallery! Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Last Friday of every month, 10:30 - 12:30. Informal activities for parents and preschoolers to do together. Call 457-2330.
- **Jan. 27:** Easter Seals Snowarama - Hosted by the Haliburton Rotary Club this popular annual snowmobile event is held at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve and is a fundraiser for the Easter Seals Society. Riders who raise a minimum of \$150. are treated to a meal and a complimentary fuel fill courtesy of Thermoshell. For more info. Or to receive a pledge form please call Rotarian David Zilstra at 457-1781.
- **Jan. 27-28:** 6th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. Races will be going on all day Sat. & Sun. with teams going out at 2 min. intervals. The most popular race is the Kid & Mutt race, & also unique to watch is the Skijoring class, with mushers on cross-country skis, being pulled by 1 or 2 dogs. The large 8 dog race class also offers lots of excitement. The races are free for spectators to attend. **Note: Please leave pet dogs at home as they can distract the racing teams!**
- **Jan. 28:** Minden Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Feb. 8:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Feb. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Feb. 15:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for cost and more details.

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- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Haliburton Legion Branch 129** - General Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding January & February) at 7:30 p.m. Call 457-2571.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

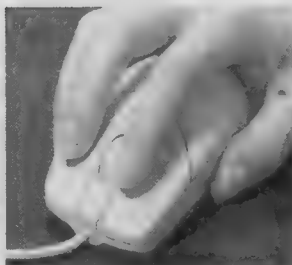


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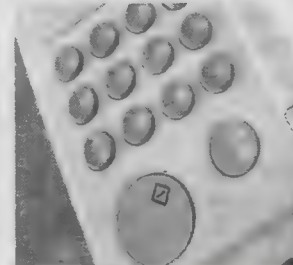
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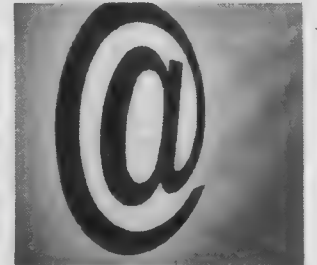
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Lost & Found A320

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dark grey & white male
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Very friendly, appears
to be lost Please call
457-9738 for more info.
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LOST CAT - At Kennis
Lake dump. Thursday
December 28. "ROSIE"
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Coming Events A940

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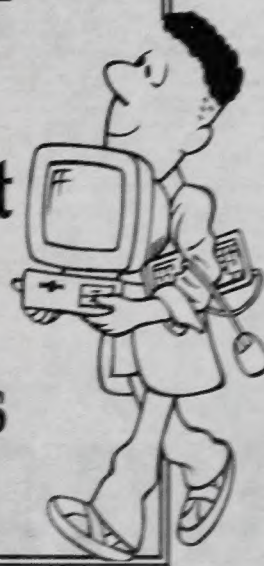
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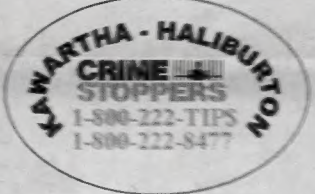
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Coming Events A940

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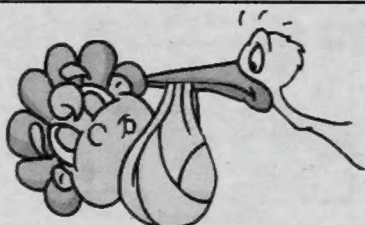
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Announcements

Births



Aidan and Ethan are excited to announce the arrival of their brother, **Cooper Alexander Coles**. Born December 19th, 2006 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre, weighing 8 lbs. Blessed parents are Scott and Melissa Coles.

Births

Brohman / van Luik - Peter and Suzanne are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Jayden George on Dec. 01, 2006 weighing 7 lbs, 10 oz (3465 grams) at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital. Proud grandparents are Carla and Theo van Luik of the Netherlands and Dawn and Gary Brohman. Special thanks to Doctor Tina Stephenson and Dr. Steven Will.



Births

Lilius-Burpee
Sarah and Adam joyfully announce the arrival of their son **Nathaniel James**, born at 11:50pm on October 4th, 2006 with the help of the excellent staff at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Owen Hughes. Nathaniel is the first great-grandchild of Lt. General (retired) James Quinn and Mrs. Edna Quinn, and Mrs. Lillian Kerr. He is welcomed by Grampa Lewis Burpee and wife Maureen, Gramma Candice Quinn and Claude Carrier, Grannies Claire Sylvan and Bev Hunter, and Grampa Eric Lilius and Gramma Carolyn Coburn. Delighted Aunts and Uncles are Carly and Aaron Wood, Chris Burpee, Jacoba Lilius and Matt Galbraith, Freya Lilius and Greg Toner, and Aleka Lilius.

Births



IT'S A BOY!
Craig & Stephanie Crowe along with big brother Colin are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Jamie Alexander, born November 21, 2006 at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. Proud grandparents are Wayne & Dale Toye of Carnarvon and Don & Opal Crowe of Minden.

Forthcoming Marriages

JACK AND JILL

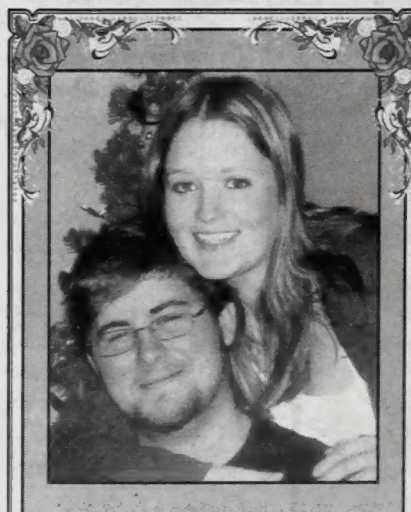
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Engagements



Dewayen & Colleen Simms would like to announce the engagement of their son Cory to Sarah Johnson, daughter of Danny Johnson & Diane Stamp. Wedding will take place in September 2007.

Deaths

BEGLEY, Lloyd (Veteran of WWII) - After a lengthy battle with cancer, Lloyd passed away on December 30, 2006 at Centenary Health Centre. Husband of Matilde. Loving father of Carole Fincham and Sharon (Brian) Murison. Cherished Papa of Alana Blagdon and Glenn Fincham. Lloyd will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at the Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Ave. E., Scarborough (east of Kennedy Rd.) on Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Ogden Chapel on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Internment Highland Memory Gardens on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. If desired, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Engagements



Norm and Karen Derrott are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Maria to Anthony Weerdenburg, son of Tony and Chris Weerdenburg of Kinmount.

Announcements

Deaths

MACKIE, Leona (nee Pickens) - July 16, 1911 - January 5, 2007 Passed away peacefully after a short illness at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Beloved wife of the late John, dear step-mother of John and his wife Dorothy of Gooderham and the late William Mackie and Elva Edgar. Step-grandmother of Paul, John (Lorna), Lynn, Steven (Michelle), Hugh, David, Rhea, Gary and 7 great granddaughters, 2 great great grandsons, and 1 great great granddaughter. Dear sister of Dallyn Pickens and predeceased by Vaneita Pickens, Merlin (Slim) Pickens, Murray Pickens. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-laws Ann Pickens, Patricia Pickens and by her nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) from 2-4 pm on Tuesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Family Centre. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham.

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MINAKER, Wayne - Passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday, December 30, 2006 at the age of 52. Wayne was the son of Dorothy and the late Arnold Minaker. Dear grandson of Marjorie McPhaden of Haliburton. Dear brother of Karen and Nancy Minaker of Milton, Ontario. Fondly remembered by his aunts, uncles, family and friends. **Cremation Arrangements** in accordance with Wayne's wishes, there will be no Funeral Service. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are entrusted to **McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home**, Milton, Ontario.

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WALTER, Dorothy Anne - Died peacefully on December 6, 2006 at Sharon House in Toronto. Dorothy, predeceased by her parents Fred and Emma Walter of Toronto, was a dedicated member of the Christian Science church community. Retired after many years of service to the former Bark Lake Leadership Centre, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, she committed her time, talents and enthusiasm to many organizations including as a board member of and consultant to: Ontario Camping Association, Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, Federation of Ontario Naturalists and numerous others. Dorothy supported many local, national and international environmental, animal welfare, music and youth development organizations. A talented musician, Dorothy in 1940, joined the Leslie Bell Singers, travelling and performing throughout North America and eventually became their Personnel Manager. Her love of music continued through retirement where The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir welcomed her to launch a Friends Group to assist the Youth choir. Her leadership by example is valued by an incredible number of people whose lives she touched and influenced. A "Celebration of the Life of Dorothy Walter" (with reception to follow) will be held Saturday, January 13th, 2007, beginning at 2:00 pm at the Toronto Botanical Gardens (TBG) located at 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario (SW corner of Lawrence and Leslie). Donations in Dorothy's memory to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. For further information please contact THE SIMPLE ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL CENTRE, 416-441-1580, or visit www.etch.ca

In memoriam

COOK, Bruce (Poppa) - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away January 12, 2004.

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- Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving wife Viola, Beloved father of Brenda and Dan, Marlene and Ron, David and Liz and Allan and Heidi, loving Poppa of Amanda, Jeff, Tristen, Trever, Chris, (Ashley), Micheal, Courtney and Great-Popa of Hailey.

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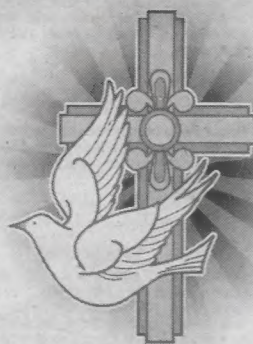
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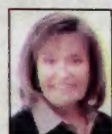
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